



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

Another school year is off to a phenomenal start!

We hope that everyone has settled in their classrooms and are ready to work and play hard. Timberbank is Teamwork! This continues to be our motto as we work together (staff, students and parents) to create a positive, caring and safe learning environment for everyone. We welcome our new families and students to Timberbank and of course our new JKs. We are so pleased with how well everyone has settled into their daily routines!

Home-school communication is vital to student success. Working together we can ensure that every child has the opportunities to learn and succeed. The Timberbank staff is exemplary and I encourage you to keep the lines of communication open to discuss how to support your child's learning.

October promises to be a month filled with many exciting activities at Timberbank. Our extra-curricular clubs and activities such as Kilometre Club, Cross-Country, Junior Librarians, Ambassadors, and EcoTeam are well underway. Our students continue to be involved in many school initiatives that focus on keeping our school and learning environment safe and caring while remembering what it means to stay "On T.R.A.C.K.".

We are all looking forward to working with your children and making this another successful school year!

Mrs. Anna Epitropou



Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 12 Thanksgiving— NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 13-15 Dental Screening
- Oct. 16 Terry Fox Foundation Assembly @ 9am
- Oct. 19 Federal Elections in the Gym
- Oct. 20 Individual Education Plans go home
- Oct. 29 "Take Me Outside" Day
- Oct. 29 Movie Night at 3:30pm - details to follow in a flyer
- Oct. 30 Halloween Parade in the afternoon
- Nov. 3 Picture Retake Day / Band Picture Day
- Nov. 4 "Take Your Kid to Work" Day
- Nov. 9 Parent School Council Meeting in the Library @ 6:30

Parent School Council!

Parental involvement is an important part of the success of our students. We truly value your commitment to the education of your children and our school. Everyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings to hear about what is happening at our school.

Our Parent School Council met on Monday, October 5th for the first time this year. It was great to see some new parents at our meeting and hope we can get more parents involved through School Council.

Congratulations to the following who have been elected to represent our parent community:

Co-Chairs: Lisa Ferguson and Mike Petkovski

Treasurer: Lynn Greenwood

Secretary: Jeya Balamanokaran

Community Rep: Marilyn Trenbeth

Caring/Safe/Accepting Schools: Grace Carasis

Our next meeting is on:

Monday, November 9th at 6:30pm in our library. Please mark your calendars!

School Council has once again received a Parent Outreach Grant for this year. They will be planning parent and student workshops.

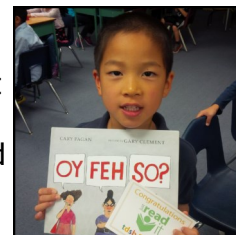
Details to follow...stay tuned!

Our newsletter and school updates go electronic! Thanks for sending in your School Council forms and agreeing to receive information and forms by email. As part of our EcoSchools commitment, we will continue to email information and our newsletter to our parent community.

Thanks for helping save many trees!

**JUST READ IT!!**

Congratulations to Ryan, our first "Just Read It" winner this year. Don't forget to go on to our school or TDSB website and complete your "Just Read It" entry.



The more entries we have the more chances we have of winning an author visit for our school.

GIVE the GIFT of READING!!

Please donate your gently used books for children to our school library. We are collecting them to help set up a library for kids in Kenya.

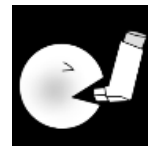


Your donations are greatly appreciated!!

RYAN'S LAW: ENSURING ASTHMA-FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

Ryan's Law, 2015 (Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools) supports the safety and well-being of students with asthma and requires that:

Every school principal shall permit a pupil to carry his or her asthma medication if the pupil has his or her parent's or guardian's permission.



An *Asthma Management Plan* is being developed and will be provided to all schools that will outline further roles and responsibilities to implement all the requirements under the legislation, including identifying students with asthma, developing an individual asthma management plan for each student diagnosed with asthma, as well as asthma education and training.

SABRINA'S LAW: PEANUT SAFE

Sabrina's Law requires every school establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts and/or peanut products. For more information feel free to visit:

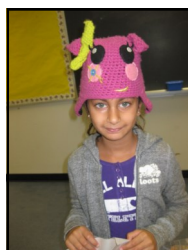
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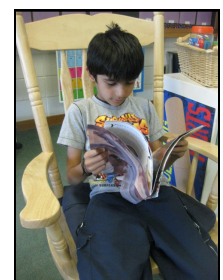
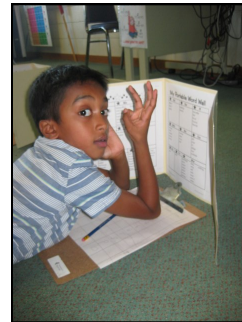
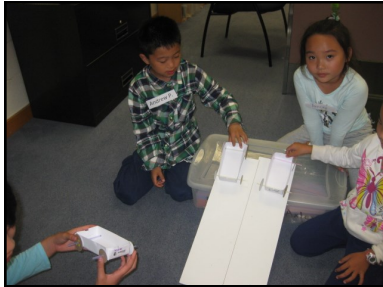
Terry Fox Run and Hat Day

On October 2nd, our students ran our annual Terry Fox run in the afternoon and our first School Spirit Day: Hat Day! The weather was great and our grade 6s led the way around our school field. Students were asked to donate a "Twoonie for Terry".

We know how much it meant to Terry Fox to have his dream continue. At Timberbank, we want to see his dream continue. Thanks to everyone who contributed so that some day we may find a cure to cancer!



Working Hard at School & Having Fun!



Reminders:



Reminder!

- **Cars dropping off** students need to pay attention to the cross-walk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do NOT block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be SAFE!!!
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12:25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.



Student Absences: Safe Arrival Program

416-396-6860, press 1



Please call the school at 416-396-6860 and use the 24 hour voicemail system to report your child's absence or late arrival. If a call is not received, the automated call-out system will contact the parents. Please listen carefully and confirm the reason for the absence. Up-to-date emergency phone numbers for parents at home and work must be provided to the school. In the evening, the system calls all students who have arrived late that day.

All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver. We appreciate your help in this matter in keeping our students safe.

International Languages Program

Timberbank is pleased to work in collaboration with the Continuing Education Department of the TDSB. This partnership offers language classes at our school. It is great that our students have the opportunity to learn a new language or perhaps further enhance and sustain their first language.

Languages offered: Mandarin & Tamil

When: Wednesdays, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

For more information, please visit the office.

Scarborough - Agincourt Reading Circle

Every Saturday from October 17, 2015 to May 7, 2016

Bridlewood Library, 2900 Warden Avenue

1:30pm-3:00pm

For more information: 416-297-6568 or
email swong.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org



Cross Country @ Thomson Park

On Thursday, October 8th, our Cross Country Team went to Thomson Park for the first Cross Country Meet. It was a great day and our team demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and tried their very BEST!!

A BIG thanks to Mrs. Butters for coaching the team, to Ms Chan for supervising the team and more importantly to ALL of our wonderful parents who helped out at the meet. We could not have done it without you!

A special thanks to Mrs. Kelly and Ms Choi for being at all of our practices training our students! Now that's TEAMWORK!!

